

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A rehabilitation device comprising:

a frame including ~~a pair of~~ two longitudinal actuation struts ~~each extending along a longitudinal axis~~ laterally offset to each other;

a crosswise support coupled between the pair of actuation struts and disposed in an orientation perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, the support ~~defining~~ forming a swivel axis;

a function unit including a pair of laterally offset counter supports disposed in a forward direction relative to and facing the support,

wherein the support and the function unit are configured such that when the support is positioned adjacent a wearer's back, the counter supports are positioned adjacent respective front shoulder areas of the wearer; and

an operation element operatively coupled with the frame and extending in the forward direction, the operation element being configured according to relative positions of the counter supports and the swivel axis to drive the counter supports toward the front shoulder areas about the swivel axis.

26. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, wherein the operation element is disposed under the support.

27. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, wherein the operation element comprises extensions of the actuation struts including a section going forward.

28. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 27, wherein the sections going forward of the operation element are configured to be grasped by hands of the wearer.

29. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, further comprising a release cord anchored as a pulling device to the operation element.

30. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, wherein the counter-supports are disposed above the support and fastened directly or indirectly to the frame.

31. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, wherein the counter-supports can be variably adjusted and fixed in their lateral distance and/or in their relative position with respect to the frame or to the support.

32. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, wherein the function unit comprises extensions of the actuation struts and are arc-shaped in side view or made like an upside-down U.

33. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 32, wherein the counter-supports are secured to the arc-shaped extensions.

34. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 32, further comprising a connecting strut coupled between the extensions of the actuation struts, the counter-supports being secured to the connecting strut.

35. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 34, wherein the counter-supports secured to the connecting strut are adjustable by an adjusting and fixing mechanism in varying lateral relative distance and/or the connecting strut is adjustable by an adjusting and fixing mechanism in varying longitudinal relative position with respect to the frame.

36. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 34, further comprising an adjustable harness made in top view as a U-shaped adjustable strut, the adjustable harness including a base section that connects both actuation struts and can be adjusted in varying relative position.

37. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 36, wherein the counter-supports are attached to exposed leg ends of the adjustable strut.

38. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, further comprising attachable struts anchored on the frame.

39. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, comprising several connecting struts secured between the actuation struts.

40. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, wherein the actuation struts are configured the same in side view.

41. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, wherein the counter-supports are fitted automatically to the respective shoulder part and can be swiveled at least over a certain angle range.

42. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, wherein the counter-supports comprise a loop through which the wearer's arm can pass when worn.

43. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 32, wherein the actuation struts are configured essentially in an arc shape broader than the arc shape of the function unit.

44. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 27, wherein the actuation struts are essentially straight and transition in an arc section or a bent connection area to the extensions of the actuation struts.

45. (Previously Presented) A rehabilitation device according to claim 25, wherein the function unit is elongated with additional vertical struts and at least one additional cross strut serving as release devices.

46. (Currently Amended) A rehabilitation device ~~according to claim~~
25 comprising:

a frame including a pair of actuation struts each extending along a longitudinal
axis;
a support coupled between the pair of actuation struts and disposed in an
orientation perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, the support defining a swivel axis;

a function unit including a pair of counter supports disposed facing the support,

wherein the support and the function unit are configured such that when the support is positioned adjacent a wearer's back, the counter supports are positioned adjacent respective front shoulder areas of the wearer; and

an operation element operatively coupled with the frame and configured to drive the counter supports toward the front shoulder areas about the swivel axis,

wherein connecting points between individual struts and strut parts are configured as adjustable connecting struts.